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SENT DEPARTMENT 120, REPEATED INFORMATION BENGHAZI UNNUMBERED.

Legation has received Libyan Government note requesting 6,000 tons barley required for urgent relief of destitute people drought areas. Aside from this amount Libya expects import about 9,000 tons barley to add to carry-over stocks to make up estimated 40,000 tons deficiency in production last season. Country also import 17,000 tons wheat (LEGTEL 85, September 11) most of which to be bought by Tripolitanian administration milled locally and flour sold at subscribed price.

If United States can dispose of surplus barley under MSA provisions in amount requested for urgent relief, Libyan Government will pay for it out of development agency funds and proposes make sum available to Latas as additional grant.

Legation desires know if 6,000 ton surplus barley quota for Libya can be established immediately and if wheat and additional barley to meet grain deficiencies but for sale commercially can also be allocated from United States surplus. Information urgent since country must place orders now to secure supplies in time.

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